In the Claims

Please replace previous versions of the claims with the following.

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding ~~amino acids from about 1 to about 529 of~~ the amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:2;

~~(b) a polynucleotide encoding amino acids from about 2 to about 259 of the amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:2;~~

[[(c)]] (b) the polynucleotide complement of the polynucleotide of (a) [[or (b)]]; and

[[(d)]] (c) a polynucleotide at least 90% identical to the polynucleotide of (a)[[,]] or (b) [[or (c)]].

2. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising ~~about 2 to about 2468 contiguous nucleotides from~~ the nucleic acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:1.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising about 2 to about 1589 ~~contiguous nucleotides~~ of the nucleic acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:1.[[.]]

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide wherein, except for at least one conservative amino acid substitution, wherein said polynucleotide ~~has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:~~ encodes

~~(a) amino acids from about 1 to about 529 of~~ the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:2~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~(b) amino acids from about 2 to about 529 of the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:2.~~

7. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, which is DNA.

8. (Original) A method of making a recombinant vector comprising inserting a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 into a vector in operable linkage to a promoter.

9. (Original) A recombinant vector produced by the method of claim 8.

10. (Original) A method of making a recombinant host cell comprising introducing the recombinant vector of claim 9 into a host cell.

11. (Original) A recombinant host cell produced by the method of claim 10.

12. (Original) A recombinant method of producing a polypeptide, comprising culturing the recombinant host cell of claim 11 under conditions such that said polypeptide is expressed and recovering said polypeptide.

13 -22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide that inhibits the expression of the BRCC-3 gene in a mammalian cell, wherein said BRCC-3 gene encodes the amino acid sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:2.

24. (Original) The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 23 which is contained in a liposomal formulation.

25 – 31. (Canceled)